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The Honorable Scott Kawasaki
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Ted Eischeid
Chair, House Military and Veterans' Affairs
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Kawasaki and Representative Eischeid,

The Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy supports SB 145 and HB 158, Universal Temporary Licensure. The board supports the bill because it establishes a single, streamlined temporary license, replacing the various temporary privileges found across Alaska's professional licensing laws. This will make it easier for the applicant to determine what license to apply for. This new license grants a qualified applicant holding a valid out-of-state license the ability to practice in the state for a specified period. Additionally, this bill brings Alaska into compliance with federal professional license portability under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) by requiring DCCED to issue a professional license to a military servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license and relocates to Alaska under military orders.

We urge the Legislature to pass SB 145 or HB 158.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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